of the *coa^iiTy* and at this present about the City than in other yea-5 ror they come h'ther in this t^me of deaith to a*oid housekeeping

The Queen hath also caused the Arch^snops to nomv the Bishops to give strait order to an preachers that they erhort men especially at this time to abstinence and praver, using all charitable devotion towards tie reLef of the^r poor neighbours, setting them on work, giving of alms and other charitable Vvor* s Further that especially at this tjne all persons be admonished not to give over housekeeping as manv do to li^e in good fellow-ship and discharge their servants to shi:t tor themselves Also the people shall be tc aght to end are tins scarcity with p?tience and to beware hxro thev give ear to anv persuasions or practices of discontented and idle brains to mote them to repine or swerve from the humble duties of good subjects, to the offence of God and displeasing of the Queen that hath so tender a care of their -welfare

26*6 *December* CORN SHIPS TO BE STOPPED

O\ung to the great scarcitv of corn, especially in Ireland Sir Henry Palmer Vice-admiral cf the Narrow Seas, is ex-pressly commanded to stay all shipping from the East Countries that shall pass by the Narrow Seas freighted with corn This corn is to be seat to Waterford and Dublin, and for corn so seized Sir Henry shall give his bill and bind himself that, upon certificate from the place where the corn shall be unladen, there shall be good payment made to the owners or their assigns in London according to such prices as be thought reasonably worth, considering the place where it should be delivered But if it manifestly appear that the corn was pro-vided for Spain, it shall be seized as lawful prize

And for more assurance that these vessels with their corn sail immediately, to each of the ships shall be appointed one special man of trust and sufficient number of men to overcome the strangers it they should bead themselves to go to any other place To waft these ships over to Ireland, the *Crane* is being sent out, and if the Vice-admiral think fit, the masters, factors and merchants of the strangers* ships shall be kept on board the *Crane* to prevent any practice against the Englishmen put on board, either of violence or carrying them to Spain against their wills